

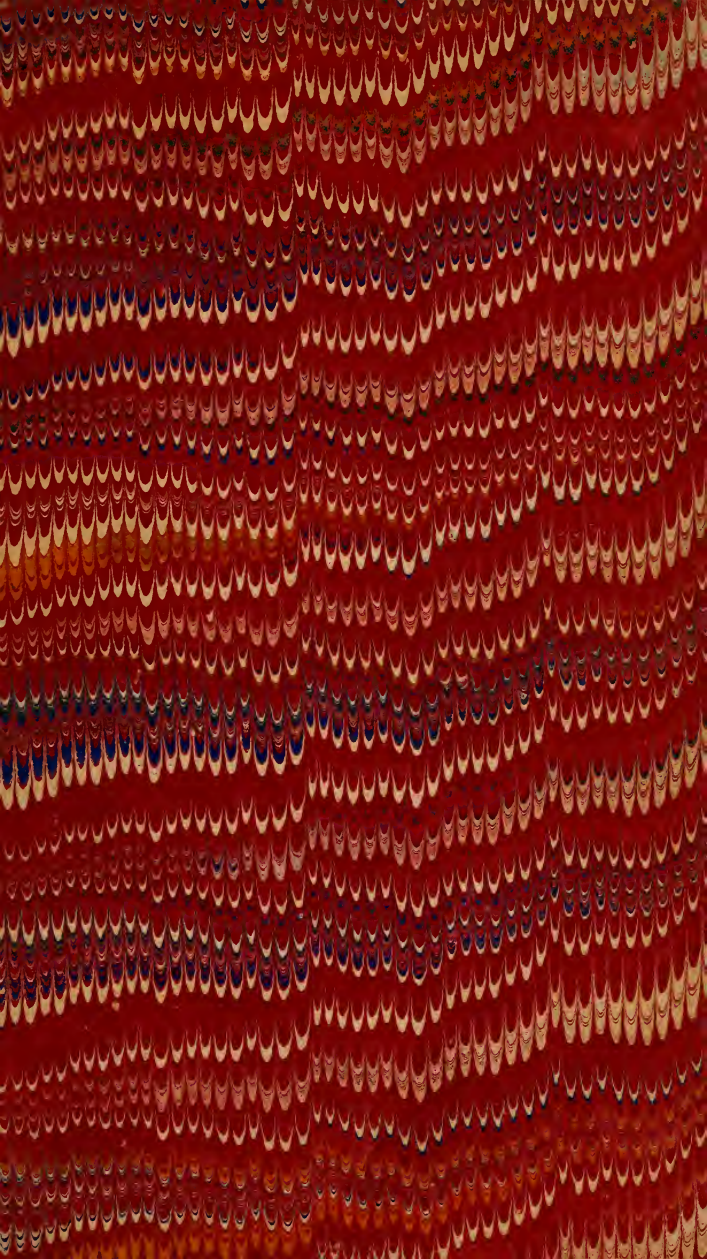
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Hence, matters of fact, and all sorts of opinions are to be carefully examined, as free from prejudice as possible; therefore, it is hoped that the following pages will be read free of bigotry, or an expression of ill feeling or manners.

To reflect much, deeply, long, and sincerely, on religious topics, and then offer the result, with others' decision to the world, knowing that many will denounce them, is a job few will undertake for such *thanks*.

Having received vast benefits on this topic from sources never dreamed of, giving joy, peace, and satisfaction, and thinking a little effort might relieve honest minds of the thralldom and blighting influence of trying to believe all that would-be religious teachers would teach; the simple fact being, no one knows more than another of the incomprehensible.

It will be seen that *money*, *power*, and *place*, were the *mighty agencies* in propagating all religious creeds. The sign of the cross is found to be very ancient, and an emblem of worship in other nations, thousands of years ago. The Patriarchs, the signs of the zodiac,

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That a woman should be Pope of Rome, and Christ worshiped 680 years in the form of a Lamb, as also of other topics that have been suppressed, will surprise. It will be curious to note the efforts made to stop the free expression of opinion, and the great latitude taken when life was considered safe, by the great numbers who advocated the cause of truth, the spirit of the dark ages opposing, and even continuing to the present time.

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
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OF CHRONOLOGY.

Readers of history generally, find it difficult to remember dates, so as to fix them with their proper events. As an aid, the actors and events will appear in the regular order of time, each to itself connectedly. Most readers have but a faint conception of the many changes chronology has undergone, and difficulties attending it.

The history of Rome is shrouded in obscurity; said to be founded B. C. 754. Greece, and the nativity of Jesus Christ is equally obscure. Mosheim, in his ecclesiastical history, says, vol. i., chap. 3: "The year in which Christ was born, has not hitherto been ascertained, notwithstanding the deep and laborious researches of the learned." This may seem strange, but not so astounding as that for hundreds, if not thousands of years, he was known as a Lamb, and thus represented. An order from Pope Agathus, during the reign of Constantius Pogonatus, and the 82, one of that Council held at Constantinople, it was decreed, and subsequently ratified by Pope Adrian the First, that in place of Christ being in the form of a crucified Lamb, he should be represented in the form of a crucified man. This occurred A. D. 680; hence, "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world" was no man, until so decreed by Kingly and Church authority; see Goodrich's Religious Ceremonies, pp 287, 288, edition of 1835.

A. D. owes its origin to a monk named Dionysius Exiguus, and was for a time, called the Dionysian Era, A. U. C. 754, denoting the time in the Roman world, and A. D. 1 subsequently made to correspond with it.

Elhelbert, a Saxon King, Charlemagne, and the venerable Bede, over 100 years after the time of Dionysius, change the Dionysian Era to the Christian. Very little of this is said by Christian

writers, yet the fact is fully admitted, especially by Mosheim, that the Era A. D., of the Christian faith, had its origin in the sixth century; therefore, those called Christians worshipped a Lamb, 680 years before any crucified man, now called Jesus Christ, was ever heard of.

Calf worship had been general; see Ex., 32; 1st Kings, 12:28, 29; 2d Kings, 10:29; Rev., 4:7, and elsewhere. The Dionysian Era while in use, had the Christian blended, or classed with it for 156 years according to later chronologists, the Pagans using their Era, and the Christians, so called, theirs.

It should be remembered, the application of Chronology to matters of faith, is of modern invention. "Thus saith the Lord," for ancient events is our reference; chronology not being established until a little over 1,100 years ago. That of the New Testament is lamentably at variance with historical facts.

The Apostles and primitive Fathers grievously complain of universal corruption at the very time Christianity must be supposed to have been in its purity. In short, clashing opinions have existed from time immemorial, and corruption equally prevalent. The assertions concerning Christ were denied as soon as asserted, and has been from that day to this; especially, of a God being born of a woman, or dying on a cross as an atonement for others' sins.

"Julius Africanus, who wrote A. D. 220, insists the world was made September 1st, and was exactly 5,503 years, 3 months, and 21 days old at the birth of Christ," Gibbon, vol. ii., p. 23. The learned Dr. Lightfoot says, "Adam was created Friday morning at 9 o'clock p. m.; he ate the forbidden fruit about 1 o'clock; and Christ was promised about 3 o'clock in the afternoon."

Well! Adam's teeth must have grown rapidly, or else he "had to gum it," to eat an apple four hours after he was created; wonder if any "soothing syrup" was needed while Adam was a baby? If Adam was full grown at the first, and gave names to all animated nature, he must naturally have thought it was a *hocus pocus* sort of a way, to make a woman from one of his ribs! The very learned Christian chronologists above named, don't appear to think 4,224 years had passed, and was a long time for them to assert such accuracy; a wonderful pair of worthies, which the world, from some cause, have omitted to appreciate!

To enumerate the different epochs of time in the world's history would be very tedious, hence, over 20 pages, large size, are condensed into these few lines:

From the creation to the time of Julius Africanus, 7,296 years were fixed upon; the Lunar Cyle, the Solar Sytle, and the Julian period extending back 710 years before the creation, were substituted by the Era of Olympiads, B. C. 776: followed by the Era of Building of Rome, B. C. 754; Era of Nabonassar, a Babylonian, B. C. 747; Era of Selucidæ, a Syrian, B. C. 312; New Era of Rome, A. D. 181; Era of Diocletian, A. D. 284; Era of Dionysius, A. D. 525; Era of Mahomet, A. D. 622; Era of Yezdegerd, a Persian, A. D. 632: Era of the Christians, made A. D. 1, 681 years afterward.

Even the year, previous to 1752, began March 25th, but since then, our year begins January 1st; in other lands, at different times. See Sear's Guide to Knowledge, p. 273.

Although the Era of A. D. was adopted 681, yet it was not until about 300 years had passed before it became legal and popular. To be fully understood, it should be remembered time was reckoned by the Dionysian Era, until the times of Pepin and Charlemagne in the eighth century. They agitate its adoption because Ethelbert, a Saxon King, dated one of his State papers "in the 605th year from the incarnation of Christ," followed occasionally by others, until the venerable Bede, in the eighth century adopted it, thus making it historical, and finally, in the tenth century it became legal. It may seem strange that nearly 1,000 years should pass before our present A. D. had a legal authority, and the dates of public documents and history made to correspond, yet it is an admitted historical fact. Not so respecting Pope Juan being a woman; for five hundred years after the time, great numbers of writers give their testimony to its truth. After the reformation, as many other writers deny it as fabulous. Mosheim, in a note, vol. i., p. 215, says: "neither side has represented this matter in such a light as to bring conviction." .

Let it be remembered that there are many collated or quoted items in this work we do not endorse, the aim being to give generally admitted historical facts, from which readers will draw their own conclusions.

WORTHY OF ATTENTION.

It is generally supposed that A. D. 1 signifies the year of the birth of Jesus Christ, "the Saviour of the world." Our would-be teachers either *conceal*, or *do not know that such is not the fact*, and that A. D. in history as we now have it, did not have an existence until nearly 700 years had passed, nor become popular until 1,000 years had passed away. See Chronology.

It is also supposed the New Testament contains an authentic account of the birth, life, death, resurrection, and after appearance of Jesus Christ to his disciples, as stated in Mark, chap. xvi., 14: yet Luke, chap. xxiv., 19., says others "told these things to the apostles," or disciples, which were "as idle tales, and not believed" by them, in next verse; and in the 25th. calls them "fools to believe all the prophets have said."

If the spiritual laws were generally understood, many things related in the New Testament, so mysterious, would probably appear plain.

In Acts xix., xx., the uproar and trouble from Paul's doctrine, was similar to what is made to-day respecting spiritualism, or the laws of potential forces. Both chapters should be read and reflected upon; also, chap. ii., where so many languages are spoken by unlearned and ignorant men; see chap. iv., 13.

History says Caesar died B. C. 41, Augustus A. D. 14, Tiberius A. D. 37. Mark 12, Luke 20, John 19, Acts 11, 17, 25, 26, 27, 28, mentions Caesar's name frequently, and the 25th speaks twice of Augustus; also, Luke 2.

For Christ, or some one for him, to allude to Caesar 41 years before he was born, cannot be true. To allude to Augustus, when Jesus was only 14 years old is at least, not in keeping to have his actions amenable to Caesar's government; nor for Paul either while a boy, or before his alleged conversion.

Claudius Caesar did not begin to reign until A. D. 44, or after Christ's death, and of course could not be held responsible to any government when dead.

To have the acts and teachings of Christ disturb the government for which he was cited to answer, makes the New Testament behind time according to general history.

As Tiberius in history is known as "Tiberius" only, dying from dissipation and without honor, it is not probable that any reliable historian would warp and twist to make him the one alluded to as the great Caesar, especially when the great ecclesiastical historian, Mosheim, says: "the year is unknown when Christ was born;" or when he died, he might have added.

This is a powerful admission and argument against the allusion to him in the Gospels as being any better known. Biblical critics and history make the Epistles to have been written some twelve years before the Gospels; Col., chap. i., speaks of a Gospel "hid from ages and generations," while history states the Pagan world had a Gospel with a God crucified, and the whole of Christianity except the name. In fact the Epistles allude to Gospels or Scriptures frequently which could not be the one we have, for they were not written, as before stated.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

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IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM 2374 B. C., UP TO A. D. 1874.

The dates refer to Births, or to Events.

BEFORE CHRIST.

- 2374. Job, (or the writer of Job) probably born about this time.
- 2247. Babel and confusion of tongues.
- 2235. Nineveh "that great city of three days' journey."
- 2234. Astronomical observations at Babylon (from a register 1903 years old.)
- 2188. The kingdom of Egypt commenced under Menes: (Population in 1859, 5,125,000; Persia, 8,000,000.) See New American Cyclopaedia.
- 1996. Abraham—some say 2004.
- 1994. Sarah.
- 1836. Jacob.
- 1822. Letters invented by Memnon, an Egyptian.
- 1615. Ethiopians from India settle in Egypt. Job said to be born about this time—according to theologians.
- 1582. Chronology of the Arundelian marbles begins with the foundation of Athens, engraved on Parian marble—a valuable remnant of antiquity.
- 1574. Aaron.
- 1571. Moses.
- 1493. Phœnician Letters carried into Greece by Cadmus.
- 1356. The Eleusinian Mysteries introduced at Athens, and considered sacrilegious to reveal.
- 1325. Egyptian calender begins at the swell of the Nile in the dog star Sirius.
- 1263. The famous Phœnician historian, Sanchoniathon, flourished.
- 1141. The temple of Ephesus burned; was 425x200 feet, and 60 feet high, having 127 columns beautifully carved.
- 1085. David.
- 1093. Solomon.
- 753. Rome commenced by Romulus, according to Varro.
- 648. Thoth, the first month of the Egyptian year, there being twenty-five days difference in one hundred years.
- 562. First comedy at Athens. The first tragedy 535.
- 497. The Saturnalia introduced at Rome, to 150,000 people.
- 486. Æschylus gains the first prize in tragedy.
- 445. Herodotus reads his history at Athens when thirty-nine years old.
- 382. Foundation of Alexandria.
- 356. Alexander the Great.
- " Temple of Diana burned.
- 285. Dionysius, the astronomer, begins his calender June 27, and the first to learn the exact solar year was 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes.
- 284. The Septuagint supposed to have been made.

- 283. College and library at Alexandria founded.
- 220. Social war in Greece lasts three years.
- 215. Chinese Wall built.
- 170. Paper invented in China.
- 161. Philosophers and rhetoricians banished from Rome.
- 100. Julius Cæsar, "the foremost man in all the world."
- 71. Herod the Great.
- 64. Augustus.
- 48. Library at Alexandria burned.
- 42. Tiberius.
- " Herod Antipas born about this time.
- 39. Rome had a population of 4,101,017, and at peace with all the world.
- " Temple of Janus closed.
- 25. The Egyptians adopt the Julian year, and fix their Thoth to begin August 29th.
- " Pilate born about this time.
- 13. Augustus assumes the office of Pontifex and burns 2,000 books, but saves the Sybilline oracles as sacred.
- 12. Seneca, the philosopher.
- 8. Augustus corrects the calendar.
- 4. Birth of Christ.

1 A. D. begins.

- 4. Leap year corrected.
- 8. Jesus Christ disputes in the Temple—according to theologians.
- 9. Vespasian, the Roman General.
- 10. Paul and Philo, the Jew, born about this time.
- 14. Rome contained 4,037,000 people—according to Haskel, the Archeologist.
- 16. Mathematicians and magicians expelled from Rome.
- 30. St. Clement, or Clemens Romanus.
- 33. Christ Crucified April 3, at 3 o'clock, P. M.—so say theologians.
- 35. Cerinthus, the great heretic.
- 37. Flavius Josephus, the great Jewish historian.
- 40. Pagans are called Christians at Antioch.
- 50. London founded by the Romans.
- 52. Tacitus—historian and statesman.
- " Trajan—celebrated for equity.
- " Church Councils of the Apostles at Jerusalem.
- 54. St. Hermas—the great dissembler.
- 62. Pliny the Younger.
- 64. Great fire at Rome for six days—an awful time.
- 67. St. Ignatius.
- 68. St. Polycarp.
- 70. Titus captures Jerusalem.
- " Suetonius—the historian.
- " Titus destroys Jerusalem—1,100,000 persons perish.
- 76. Adrian—Roman Emperor, and a worthy man.
- " Quadratus, a Pagan priest, and a Christian priest at the same time.
- 98. Justin Martyr appeals to Antonius Pius to respect the Christian's God, from its similarity to the Pagan God.

100

- 121. Melito sends an apology for the Christians to Marcus Antoninus, that Christianity and Paganism are identical.
- " Marcus Aurelius, a magnanimous, worthy man.
- 122. St. Irenæus calls Simon a holy God.
- " Artemon, and several heretics born about this time.
- " Among them, Hymenæus and Hermogenes, mentioned in 2nd Tim. 1:15.
- 142. Celsus, noted for his work against Christianity.
- 151. Christian persecution forbidden.
- 153. Pantænus finds the HEBREW GOSPEL in India.
- " Symmachus and Montanus born about this time.
- 160. Tertullian conceives Christianity true, from its impossibilities.
- 161. Clemens Alexandrinus, President of the Monkish fraternity.
- 163. Ammonius Saccas, taught Paganism and Christianity was a UNIVERSAL PHILOSOPHY when correctly understood.

163. Julius Africanus born about this time, insists the world was exactly 5,508 years, 3 months, 21 days old at the birth of Christ.
 185. Origen, a famous Christian writer; relapsed into Paganism; denies the Lord Christ; and calls the scriptures allegorical.
 191. Rome nearly destroyed by fire—another awful time.

200

203. St. Gregory, "the Wonder Worker," performs miracles equal to Christ.
 204. St. Cyprian, of a turbulent spirit, puts his deacon to death.
 211. St. Valentine, an Egyptian of great fame, defends Paganism, having February 14 in celebration of it.
 212. Aurelius, accomplished in four years, more than many do in a life-time.
 213. Dionysius Longinus, considered Paul's doctrine unproved.
 233. Porphyry, contends the Christian scriptures are strangely perverted from the Pagan, or are a forgery.
 "Amelius born about this time, proves Christ's identity with a heathen God.
 212. Lactantius says, "the Christ an religion was known to the ancients."
 215. Diocletian prefers to raise cabbages to being Emperor.
 "Arnobius thinks Cicero's works equal to the scriptures.
 264. Eusebius, a Christian priest and historian, also a Christian devil. His character ought to be known by every one.
 274. Constantine the Great—another Christian devil, under whose reign Christianity was established by law.
 232. Arius held Christ was not God, nor co-eternal.
 236. Athanasius contended Christ is God, and co-eternal.

300

306. Constantine ascends the throne.
 310. St. Epiphanes says, "Many forms of Christianity were derived from heathen mythology."
 "Apollinaris held that Christ, to be a perfect God, and also at the same time a perfect man, would be a monstrosity.
 "Julius Firmicus Maternus, would kill a Pagan for his belief, yet Paganism and Christianity were as near alike as a horse and a mare, in his day.
 314. Gregory Nazianzen, a monkish professor.
 321. Sunday appointed to be observed by law.
 325. Great Church Council at Nice to settle the disputes of Arius and Athanasius, and of creeds. Reading this, the cause of writing **VIVID TRUTHS**.
 "Faustus, the Manichean Bishop, affirms the New Testament was not written by Christ, not by his Apostles.
 331. Heathen Temples destroyed by Theodosius.
 340. St. Ambrose compels Theodosius to do penance for his horrible murders at Thessalonica.
 342. Jerome, insatiable in his thirst for glory.
 346. Theodosius offers an apology for his crimes; that if guilty, "that man after God's own heart was."
 354. St. Augustine says, "the Christian religion was known from the beginning of the human race."
 356. Eutropius, the historian.
 359. Gratian refused the pontifical robe, and robs the Pagans of their property.
 370. The beautiful Hypatia lost her life in a horrible manner—priests kill her for teaching Paganism.
 "Pelagius contended Adam was created mortal, and would have died had he never sinned.
 "Zosimus, a great historian.
 "Socrates, a historian, full of monastic notions.
 376. St. Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria—a hell-fire zealot. The awful end of Hypatia attributed to him.
 381. Church Council at Constantinople to settle creeds—the Trinity question, and to silence heretics.
 "Theodosius attains to imperial power about this time.
 393. Nestorius contended God could neither be born or die—a fire-brand in the Church.
 "The "dark ages" begin.

400

451. Church Council at Chalcedon.

494. The Roman Pontiff asserts his supremacy.

496. Clovis baptized—wonderful effect!

500

515. Computation of time, and the Christian Era started by the Monk Dionysius the Little.

545. Ethelbert, King of Kent, dates a public document from the incarnation of Christ. This ultimately led to the adoption of A. D.

553. Another Church Council, called a robber Council.

570. Mahomet drives Christianity from Palestine.

“ Evagrius, an ecclesiastical historian.

600

614. Jerusalem taken by the Persians; 90,000 slain, and the Cross of Christ carried away.

640. The Saracens take Alexandria and burn its great library.

680. Great Church Council at Constantinople—all sorts of devilment adopted. The form of a man substituted for a Lamb, which had been the emblem for ages. The scenes there enacted seem incredible.

700

742. Charlemagne at war thirty years to subdue the Saxons.

748. The years from the birth of Christ begins to be used in history, from this time.

754. Pepins aids the Pope with a large army.

800

801. Power of the Pope abridged. Damnable charges against Pope Leo X.

815. Insurrection in Rome, against the Pope.

878. Alfred the Great—a noble man.

900

964. The Pope accused of horrible crimes. Awful times.

1000

1053. Algazzali, a mystical philosopher.

1060. Peter the Hermit.

1061. Surnames appointed to be used.

“ Godfrey, hero of the first crusade.

1077. Henry IV. goes barefooted to the Pope, in humiliation.

1079. Abelard tries to shake off priestly rule, and have a wife.

1099. Jerusalem taken by the Crusaders.

1100

1117. Thomas A'Beckett, a contumacious spirit.

1149. Averroes, a great Arabian philosopher.

1159. The Pope excommunicates the Emperor.

1164. Council of Clarendon.

1200

1208. The Pope excommunicates the King of England.

1209. The works of Aristotle imported and condemned.

1213. The King of England becomes the Pope's vassal.

1214. Roger Bacon, three hundred years ahead of the age.

1220. Astronomy and Geography first brought into Europe.

1248. Last of the Crusaders, after destroying 2,000,000 people.

1250. Peter De Abano tries to end the contests of the clergy and philosophers.

1300

1301. Philip excommunicated by the Pope.

1324. John Wickliffe, Father of the Reformation.

1342. Great famine in China—13,000,000 perish.

1360. Sigismund—after attaining power—falsifies his word to John Huss.

1373. John Huss gets his eyes open to enormous wickedness.

1377. The popes transfer their power to Rome from Avignon.

1393. Doctrines of the Reformation propagated in Bohemia.

1400

1400. John Guttenburg, the reputed inventor of printing.

1401. Heretics burned in England.

- 1409. Council of Pisa.
- 1412. William Caxton, in after life alarms the clergy in printing.
- 1414. Council of Constance—three popes contend for supremacy.
- 1415. Huss burned.
- 1422. Christian Era introduced into Portugal.
- 1440. Printing brought into use.
- 1453. Turks take Constantinople, after continuing 2,300 years.
- 1454. Conspiracy against the Pope.
- 1467. Erasmus has no love for theological quarrels.
- 1468. Passage in Tacitus first heard of.
- 1483. Martin Luther and John Eckius' great controversy.
- 1484. Ulric Zwingle, in defiance of the Pope, calls his "full forgiveness of all sin" a humbug.
- " W. Tyndale makes the first Bible.
- " Inquisition established in Spain.
- 1489. Thomas Cranmer, first Bishop of Canterbury is made to suffer the same kind of death he had inflicted on others.
- 1491. Henry VIII. of England, declared "defender of the faith," in 1531, by Luther, and by Parliament in 1534.
- 1497. Philip Melancthon, would not accept the title, D. D.
- " Americus Vespucius discovers America.

1500

- 1509. John Calvin burns Servetus for want of faith.
- " A naked sect, for Christ's sake—stupidity and silliness in their glory!
- " Apocryphal Gospels proclaimed.
- 1517. Luther publishes "95 THESES" against Tetzels.
- 1521. Luther cited before the Diet of Worms.
- 1530. Diet of Augsburg.
- 1533. The Pope's authority banished from England.
- 1538. Carlo Borromeo, a Saint of the Roman Church—no man ever lived who had a better character.
- 1543. G. Bruno—no threats could change his convictions.
- 1545. Council of Trent continues eighteen years—the popes alarmed, fearing to lose power—Peace of the Church declared at Augsburg—Light after 1000 years' mental darkness.
- 1558. The Reformed Religion authorized in England.
- 1559. I. Causabon admits "lying a deceitful sin of the age."
- 1564. Galileo discovers the wonders of the planetary world.
- 1572. St. Bartholomew's massacre in Paris—60,000 slain.
- 1575. Jacob Böhme, the great spiritualist.
- 1576. Protestant religion permitted in France.
- 1582. Pope Gregory reforms the calendar.
- 1592. Parliament establishes Presbyterian government.
- 1596. Descartes startles all Europe by his bold ideas.

1600

- 1600. William Prynne suffered terribly for speaking boldly.
- " William Berkley thanked God the schools were not free.
- 1608. John Milton—a wonderful genius with much pluck.
- 1609. L. Muggleton contended God has the form of a man.
- 1618. I. Vossius thought it vain to seek for God, aside from Nature.
- 1620. Landing of the Pilgrims.
- 1623. New York began—the ground cost twenty-four dollars.
- 1623. V. Greatrakes performs spirit cures.
- " John Bunyan, author of Pilgrim's Progress.
- 1633. Charles II. of England—a mean, contemptible man.
- " J. B. Cotelirius asserts "no such person as Jesus Christ, in the time of the Apostles, existed.
- " Boston settled.
- " John Tillotson contends Christianity and Paganism are alike.
- " Locke contends for a free expression of opinion.
- " Spinoza, a Jew, could not be made to assent to anything he thought was not true.
- 1637. William Cave, a divine, says, "at Constantinople, in 506, the Gospels were censured and corrected by an order of the Emperor Anastasius, and subsequently, by Lanfranc, Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1080.

1638. Nic Mallebranche says, "consciousness teaches a soul, and Vision a God."
 1643. G. Burnett, would have hell taught as a benefit.
 1644. William Penn, a firm believer in spirit manifestation.
 1645. John Mill collected, during thirty years, 130,000 variations in Bible texts.
 1646. William Leibnitz builds a vast fabric on his system of Monads—an invisible substance—power, life, &c.
 " Robert Barclay—nearly, or quite a spiritualist.
 " End of the Thirty Years' War.
 1653. James Basnage says, "Nothing is more certain the Therapente had our Gospels and Epistles long before the Augustan Era."
 1655. B. Montfaucon blends the Therapente, Essenes and Christians together.
 1657. M. Tindal makes Christianity as old as creation.
 " John Le Clerc says, "Credulity is a propensity of humanity."
 " Dupin says, "Many primitive Christians viewed the Scriptures as allegorical."
 1659. V. Beausobre says, "the Gospel of the Egyptians, of the Hebrews, and Essenes, were full of parables, allegories, enigmas and mysticisms."
 " Rev. John Meslier, on his death-bed, asks pardon of his hearers for teaching Christianity.
 " Archbishop Wake says, "the primitive Christians turned the whole Scriptures into allegory, or into heresy."
 1666. Great fire in London, destroys 13,200 houses, on 600 streets.
 1668. John Fabricius says, "Judaism, Paganism, Manichæism are the same religion, as much as Catholic and Protestant, for all worship the same God, or Lord of all."—also money as devotedly.
 1669. John Toland contended no true religion should be contrary to reason, or called a mystery.
 1669. Reynolds Marvin professes divine communication all his life.
 1670. James Berwick declared no priest should dictate to him.
 1676. Antony Collins asserts the New Testament is allegorical in meaning, and has no authority for any church law.
 1678. Hanna Henman predicts for twenty years the day of her death.
 1683. Conyers Middleton gives great offense to his brethren in the ministry, by saying the Roman religion came from the heathens.
 1684. Dr. Lardner writes ten ponderous volumes of Christian Evidence to prove an impossibility.
 " First settlement of Philadelphia.
 1688. Swedenborg, the renowned seer.
 1694. Musheim, the illustrious ecclesiastical historian.
 " The king of France attempts to introduce Christianity into Siam. Its king remarks, "Our religion of 2229 years is not easily changed—why bother himself, so long as God don't?"

1700

1705. William Tennant, in a trance over three days, "saw glories unutterable in the spirit world."
 1706. Mrs. Mercy Wheeler saw spirit manifestations equal to any ever heard of—astounding ones, and unexpectedly.
 1717. John D. Michaelis, a celebrated writer on divinity, says, "the Essenes were Christian in everything but the name."
 1724. Kant, an eminent German metaphysician.
 1724. J. Semler, a prolific writer on theology, says, "the fact is undeniable, the first Christians so called, were great liars, forgers, dissemblers, and stopt at nothing"
 " First newspaper printed in New York.
 1727. Ezra Stiles contended, no exigencies of the church made it lawful, or right to interfere in a free expression of opinion.
 " Astonishing spirit manifestation—exceeds all before them.
 1728. John Parkhurst says, "Hercules means the sun, and its twelve labors in the signs of the zodiac."
 1729. Lessing asserts the historical basis of Christianity is incorrect.
 1733. New Orleans settled.
 1737. William Gibbon, the celebrated historian.
 " Thomas Paine, author of "Age of Reasons," and "Rights of Man."
 " Richard Watson, famous for his "Apology for Christianity."
 " Evanson, a Unitarian divine, rejects the Gospels.

1742. Charles Dupins says, "one hundred years before the Christian Era, a festival was held to the honor of the Virgin Paritura."
1743. William Paley refers to Paul for the evidence of Christianity.
1745. Nathaniel Emmons, D.D., asserts God is the cause of evil.
1746. Sir William Jones, a famous Oriental scholar, and master of twenty-seven languages, shows the nation's of antiquity were Christians all but the name, before, and since the time of Moses—a draft of the whole Christian system comes from Egypt.
1752. New Style introduced. The year begins January 1st, instead of March 25.
1762. J. G. Fichte asserts the Creator and Nature, are united, similar to soul and body.
1764. St. Louis settled.
1769. Run-away preachers advertised—laughable notice.
1772. Thomas Dick, the celebrated Scotch author.
1776. Karl Bretschneider says, "the compositors of the Gospels betray much ignorance.
- " Louisville settled.
1778. Cincinnati founded.
1785. 2,000 religious houses suppressed by the Emperor of Germany.
- " Power loom invented by Cartwright.
1789. Neander, a Jew by birth, admires Plato, renounces Judaism, and accepts Christianity as preferable.
1791. First spinning of cotton by water power.
1792. City of Washington founded.
- " Alexander Campbell, opposed to creeds, yet baptism was his creed.
1793. Reign of terror in France.
1795. Cotton gin invented by Eli Whitney.
- 1800**
1800. Population of the United States 5,305,432.
- " Washington made the seat of Government.
1807. First steamboat on Hudson river.
1808. D. Strauss maintains Mythology is the origin of Christianity.
1809. Bruno Bauer is positive all historical research for any evidence of revealed religion is futile.
1810. Theodore Parker asserts, "Nature or God, and man, are immortal through spiritual law.
1819. First steam passage across the Atlantic.
1820. Indianapolis settled with fifteen families.
1821. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first American woman to obtain the title of M.D.
1823. 10,000 barrels flour sent from Rochester by first boats on the Erie canal.
1826. Death of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.
1830. Chicago settled.
- " Mormonism published.
1832. Some Boston people offer one thousand dollars for reliable proof that the Gospels were written by the persons whose names they bear—or, that they were written within fifty years of the time of the events to which they relate—or, that Jesus and his twelve disciples ever existed as men, with flesh and blood.
1834. 7,000 temperance societies, with 1,250,000 members, and liquor rules in 1874.
1835. New York and Erie railroad commenced.
- " Great fire in New York—burns 529 houses—loss 4,000,000.
1837. Banks in the United States suspend specie payments.
1842. Great fire in Hamburg, Germany—1,747 houses burned.
1845. Mexico declares war against the United States.
1846. Sewing machines invented.
1854. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception proclaimed a dogma of the Catholic faith.
1858. Laying the Atlantic Telegraph completed August 5.
1865. Southern rebellion closed.
- " Abraham Lincoln assassinated, April 14,—born 1809.
1871. Great fire in Chicago, October 9.
1873. Efforts to have God in the Constitution, and Jesus Christ made Governor.
1874. Committee appointed to settle the Beecher and Tilton scandal.
- " Many lives, and much property lost at Pittsburg by a deluge of water, July 28.

IMPREScriptible.

When infant-nature lisped its early notes,
Was Adam dressed in bib and petticoats ?
Or, did he in stature come a full-grown man and tender,
And Mrs. Eve with " waterfall and Grecian-bender ? "

Nearly two thousand years ago, 'tis said, there came another
From himself—no father, and a virgin was his mother ;
The like of which no man or woman clearly understands ;
Nor can they, with full search made, in this or other lands.

Even should Melchisedec of old be called and found,
Such themes in orthodox mills alone are ground,
From which, 'tis said, all can go to heaven on Jacob's ladder,
If they will but drink and sup from off an atonement platter.

This " you must believe," no matter what you think, " or to hell you go."
The document is plain ; the road is sure, " for everlasting woe."
Can all of Earth's sons and daughters call this a lovely song ?
Will those in distant lands freely join, to make a mighty throng ?

Not without free thought and free speech having free expression !
Free as air, and free of kings, popes, and priestly depression ;
The mind free of creeds and lords many, and all their whacks ;
And common sense and reason left free of all sectarian quacks.

For truths, none need ask the Levites, Moabites, Hittites, Gergo-Shites ;
Nor sects with their " thus saith the Lord," his rites and their bites ;
For, from nature's vast domain 'tis found pure and true—does not lie ;
'Tis the same to Greek, Turk, Pagan, Jew, and to you and I.

The wide, wide world, and worlds above, with the great deep,
Afford sources in plenty to obtain knowledge to sell and to keep ;
For surely could the toiling millions science and learning explore,
Soon would happy results be seen, and blissful themes be found in store,

If not believed, prove it by a test ; read free papers, be wide awake ;
Take those of free speech, or those that offer good hoe-cake ;
Tell your friends of what they say ; and, your great relief,
'Twill do you good, give strength to nerves, fat to bones, new life in brief.

Lend an ear, a helping hand, and ask your neighbors for the same ;
But, if a preacher you prefer to pay, it's your privilege him to name ;
As also any creed or ism you adore, or if you wish to teach a pester,
One God is not three, nor the name found in the book of Esther.

The devil might stare or stand appalled ; own beat,
At Matt. x., 34, or Luke xii., 49, as " glad tidings of great joy," a blessed treat !
Yet East, West, North, and South, contention and strife causes sorrow ;
Creeds the daddy. Let common sense be more heard to-day and to-morrow.

EARLY EXPERIENCE.

The idea occurs it might be proper to note here a few early scenes and impressions. An overgrown, "gawky boy," at school, saying "Great God, is that A?" (after being told several times), caused me to wonder if ever I would be so dull and stupid. Being eager for information, my father bought "Robinson Crusoe," which gave me unbounded joy. This led to a wish for more information, but how to get it was the bother, for money was missing at our house; so, many a long day I "rode hoss" in the hot sun to plow corn, and many a time came near being jerked off by the plow striking a hidden stone that a crowbar would fail to move; at other times to hoe corn, "ted hay," pick up apples, dig potatoes, grub up roots, etc., etc.; anything to get more knowledge—showing vividly the worth of a dime.

As years passed, religion was pressed upon my attention with awful, horrible results, unless I believed assertions which all Christianity probably know.

I used to look in a red-hot fire, and wonder if it was possible I, or any human being, could ever exist there. The idea seemed preposterous, and as an horrible punishment for a conviction I could not avoid having, or feeling.

At times, the state of my mind was miserable, horrible beyond conception, except to those experiencing the like. Impossible as it seemed, yet being taught hell was my portion if I disbelieved, I dared not doubt, and yet could not help it—a miserable fix!

After all attempted explanations by parents and preachers, much was lacking to remove mystery, that I thought should not exist. On reading James 1:27, I found "pure religion" consisted in GOOD ACTS, without any reference *to belief at all*. This assertion gave me some relief. Other sects holding meetings in our town, I was anxious to learn what they had to say, when to my astonishment, my mother had a decided veto,—was bitterly opposed.

My father said I should be gratified, resulting in wonder, why oppose such good neighbors and friends as I viewed them! In after years, I felt convinced, that to live so I would have nothing to reproach myself with, would be safe ground,—*two words being the sum total of all true religion, viz.: DOING GOOD!* Why

such is not adopted, and why so many creeds, will be apparent as we proceed. "Believe or be damned" being constantly taught, without any allusion to *good acts*, is one good reason why true religion is not adopted. Yes, trying to believe in a God "overshadowing" a virgin, the result being a crying, squalling baby God; then a Jesus Christ and a "Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world," and at the same time to be a young God Almighty, equal with an old God Almighty. Alluding to such caused angry reproofs. To the question, how avoid them? "you must pray to God for a better heart" says priest and parents; so to praying I went. Yet doubts, difficulties, and troublesome ideas intruded nevertheless. It appeared useless! Hence, the effort to obtain information that would satisfy, if possible.

Somewhere in my writings, the information is given, how complete satisfaction was obtained; but it was not "to order ourselves lowly and reverently" to every bigoted priest,—suffice to say, I learned of other religions, in other lands, having a very great similarity to the Christian.

Sir Wm. Jones, a great scholar says: "The Hindoo God, Chrishna, was incarnate, in human form, his birth being concealed by the tyrant, Cansa (not Herod); and the Hindoo scriptures record an incarnate God, as born of a virgin, his reputed father a carpenter, and as being put to death between two thieves; the Hindoo at this day being almost Christian." I urge an examination of his biography, as given in the "New American Cyclopaedia," vol. x., p. 49, and his work, "Asiatic Researches."

It appears certain from Bible record, that many minds believed in spirit influences, from the times of Socrates to the dark ages.

By whom, when, and in what language the different books were first written, it appears nothing certain can be known.

The evidence seems clear that the manifestations of spiritualism as made known around us, and in distant lands, was in vogue and taught when I. Cor., chap. xii., was written, and that chap. xiii. is equally as necessary to be known, and heeded, to-day as it was in the past.

In Acts vii. is a rehearsal in part from the time of Abraham to the stoning of Stephen; hence, why Bible narratives appear inconsistent, is evident from the attempt to narrate the doings in Abraham's time, thousands of years afterwards, and made more absurd in Job xix., 23, to speak of printing, which was not invented until 2,970 years after, according to Bible chronology.

OF THE HINDOO GOD, CHRISHNA.

Nothing in all ecclesiastical history troubles modern advocates of Christianity so much as the admissions made by their ablest champions respecting this God, who is adored with almost exclusive devotion, his worshipers maintaining that he was born from the left intescostal rib of a virgin, "and in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily," II. Col., ix; being distinct from all the avatars, who have only a portion of divinity, "whereas Chrishna was the person of Vishnou (God) himself in a human form."

"In the Sanscrit, compiled more than 2,000 years ago, we have the whole story of this incarnate Deity born of a virgin, saving many by his miraculous power. He raised the dead, by descending to the lowest regions for that purpose. His movements are incomprehensible.

"I am persuaded a connection existed between the old idolatrous nations of Egypt, India, Greece, and Italy, long before the times of Homer; very respectable natives have assured me, that missionaries, in their zeal for the conversion of the Gentiles, urge that the Hindoos are almost Christians, because their Brahma, Nisha, and Mahesa, were no other than the Christian Trinity, Chrishna's name and history being long anterior to the birth of our Savior, as we know most certainly. History gives the further fact, that the reputed father of Chrishna was a *carpenter*, and that he was put to death at last *between two thieves*; after which he arose from the dead, and returned again to his heavenly seat in Vaicontha.

Rev. R. Taylor says: "The above extracts are taken from the first volume of the Asiatic Researches, chapter 9, on the Gods of Greece, Italy, and India. Higher authority could not be quoted. One better acquainted with the Hindostanee language, and with the documents and evidence from which such informa-

tion could be acquired, could hardly be conceived to exist ; and certainly, never was any man further from the intention of supplying arms to infidelity. The admissions surrendered by him stand as a tower of strength, to render our position impregnable, upon the lines to which he has authorized our advance, and recognized our right. Our evangelical polemics lose all temper on hearing an allusion to this most unluckily discovered prototype of their Jewish Deity. No language of insolence against those who point out the resemblance, is too outrageous—no shift or sophistication to evade or conceal it too pitiful. The sun is not more dissimilar to the moon, say our Unitarian divines, than is Chrishna to Christ. No man in his senses, say our evangelicals, could believe that the two personages were identical. Some alter the spelling from the original orthography of Sir William, printing it Krishnu or Krishna, to screen the resemblance from the eye's observance." Mr. Jones was familiar with 27 languages and a great Oriental scholar, living several years at Calcutta, and devoting 11 to the study of Asiatic literature. No doubt he wished to appear well with sovereign power.

2235 B. C.—THE EGYPTIANS.

Their antiquity, like India, is indisputable, but veiled in impenetrable obscurity. It would take a year of Sundays to give but a small portion of what can be gleaned from that land. According to the Bible, Abraham's visit there was 1,920 B. C. ; according to the Septuagint, 2,551, while Bunsen fixes it at 2,876. I fix it as near as I can, the same as I do with other dates wholly unknown, thinking I am as likely to be correct as others in their guess work.

The Egyptians were a highly civilized people, wealthy, industrious, with a fully organized society, and great proficiency in arts, manufactures, and agriculture, before the time of Abraham.

Their religion has partaken of many changes, and many have existed from time to time. The sun has been worshiped, and deities similar to ancient Greece and Rome ; their principal gods being Isis and Osiris, though they had a "variety of abstract principles, for even animals and vegetables were worshiped by the

multitude--the doctrine of one God was privately taught by the priests, they being the ruling class."

Mosheim says: "It was in Egypt the morose discipline of the Essenian or Therapeutan took its rise. It was here that the Essenes principally dwelt, *long before the coming of Christ*. From Egypt the same discipline passed into Syria and the neighboring countries, and in process of time its infection reached European nations. Hence arose that train of austere and superstitious vows and rites, that still, in many places, throw a veil over the beauty and simplicity of the Christian religion. The Christians who adopted this austere system certainly made a very false step, and did much injury to their excellent and most reasonable religion. But they did not stop here; they held it as a maxim that it was not only lawful, but even praiseworthy to deceive, and even to use the expedient of a lie in order to advance the cause of truth and piety. The Jews who lived in Egypt had learned and received this maxim from them before the coming of Christ, as appears incontestibly from a multitude of ancient records, and the Christians were infected from both these sources with the same pernicious error, attributed to venerable names from the Sibylline verses."

No principle was held more sacred than that of the necessity of keeping the sacred writings from the knowledge of the people. Nothing could be safer from the danger of discovery than the substitution, with scarce a change of names "of the Incarnate Deity of the Sanscrit Romance for the imaginary founder of the Therapeutan College. What had been said to have been done in India, could be as well said to have been done in Palestine. The change of names and places: the mixing up of the Egyptian, Phœnician, Greek, and Roman mythology, would constitute a sufficient disguise to evade the languid curiosity of infant skepticism." A knowledge within the acquisition only of a few to hold inviolate, would soon pass entirely from the records of human memory, especially when favored by any sovereign whose word was law.

"The first of that mischievous of all institutions--universities, was the university of Alexandria in Egypt, where lazy monks and wily fanatics first found the benefit of clubbing together to keep the privileges and advantages of learning to themselves, and concocting holy mysteries and inspired legends, to be dealt out as the craft should need, for the perpetuation of ignorance and superstition, and consequently of the ascendancy of jugglers and Jesuits, holy hypocrites, and reverend rogues and knaves among men."

Whether the Essenian doctrines, or one similar, was the tenet held at this university, it is admitted the greatest library that ever was in the world at that time, was at Alexandria in Egypt, the principal seat of the eclectic philosophy.

In allusion to this, bear in mind the words, "the philosophy," "our philosophy," and the "true philosophy," which occur throughout the Fathers, in a hundred passages for one, where "christianity" should have been the word, to convey its purport, "philosophy not being a theme under discussion.

"From the never-changing laws of nature, and the invariable operation of natural causes, we can find the solution of many a difficulty and perplexity, that remoteness of time might throw in the way of our judgment of past events. But when, to such reasonable probability we are able to bring in the absolute ratification of unquestionable testimony—to show that what was in supposition more probable than anything else that could be supposed, was in fact that which absolutely took place—we have the highest degree of evidence of which history is capable; we can give no other definition of *historic truth itself*. The *probability*, then, that that sect of quack doctors, the Therapeutæ, who were established in Egypt and its neighborhood many ages before the period assigned by later theologians as that of the birth of Christ, were the original fabricators of the writings contained in the New Testament; becomes a *certainty* on the basis of evidence, than which history has nothing more certain, by the unguarded, but explicit,—unwary, but most unqualified and positive statement of the historian Eusebins, that "*Those ancient Therapeutæ were Christians, and that their ancient writings were our Gospels and Epistles.*" This most important of all ecclesiastical records, is in the 2d book and 17th chapter of his history. The title of a whole chapter, the fourth of the 8th book, is "That the religion PUBLISHED BY JESUS CHRIST TO ALL NATIONS IS NEITHER NEW NOR STRANGE." "The wonder with which Lardner quotes this astonishing confession of the great pillar of the pretended evidences of the christian religion (His Credibility 2, 4 to p. 361) only shows how fully aware he was of the fatal inferences with which it teems. It is not the first and only glance, nor a cursory observance that will sufficiently admonish us of the immense historical wealth put into our hands by this *stupendous admission*, this surrender of the key-stone of the mighty arch—this giving up of everything that can be pretended for the evidences of the christian religion."

30 Rules

FOR WORSHIPING GOD.

1. Arrive at his house much behind time. It's vulgar to be in time.
2. Stamp and make quite a noise if you appear in prayer-time.
3. Carry in all the mud or dirt that will stick to your boots or shoes.
4. Gape, stare, and squint close, to see who are worshiping God.
5. If people, more polite, come later, turn square around to see who.
6. LADIES must crowd past any in the pew, so her hoops can be felt.
7. Chew tobacco for dear life. and squirt the juice freely all you can.
8. Spit on the sides of the pew, so it will drip down in streaks into puddles.
9. Be sure to squirt so ladies' dresses will swab it up—if they move.
10. As it is decidedly vulgar not to smoke, "strike a match," for a new rule.
11. Take pains to have all inhale the sweet odor, as a mark of your respect.
12. Besmear the stove, if possible, so all can have perfume, and see the quids.
13. Deposit a few quids in the pew corner. It's a mark of gentility.
14. It's a mark of low breeding and vulgarity, not to have a neat, TASTY HABIT
15. Be sure to sleep, snore, and grunt, so that all awake can hear you.
16. As God can hear such prayers, a great benefit can be expected.
17. Wake up and leave before the "benediction." The ill-bred only stay.
18. Those not sleeping or nodding must whisper; this gives attention.
19. When at home or abroad be sure to relate the worth of your Preacher.
20. As the Sexton is paid to keep God's house clean, make him earn his wages.
21. Be very sure to know that all Preachers pattern after true gentility.
22. Let everybody understand, none are fit for Preachers without good rules.
23. Remember, "Variety is the spice of life," hence avoid the contribution hat.
24. Dispute and contend with all you can; it adds vastly to knowledge.
25. Insinuate that everyone who does not agree with you lacks good sense.
26. Urge paying church dues in green swamp alder; it burns so beautifully.
27. As Christian graces are commendable, be lazy, lie, and swear to it.
28. If a poor woman is befriended, be sure to charge improper intimacy.
29. If any other scandal exists, be sure to add fuel, and blaze away everywhere.
30. Remember, no gentleman or lady should wait on God without these rules.

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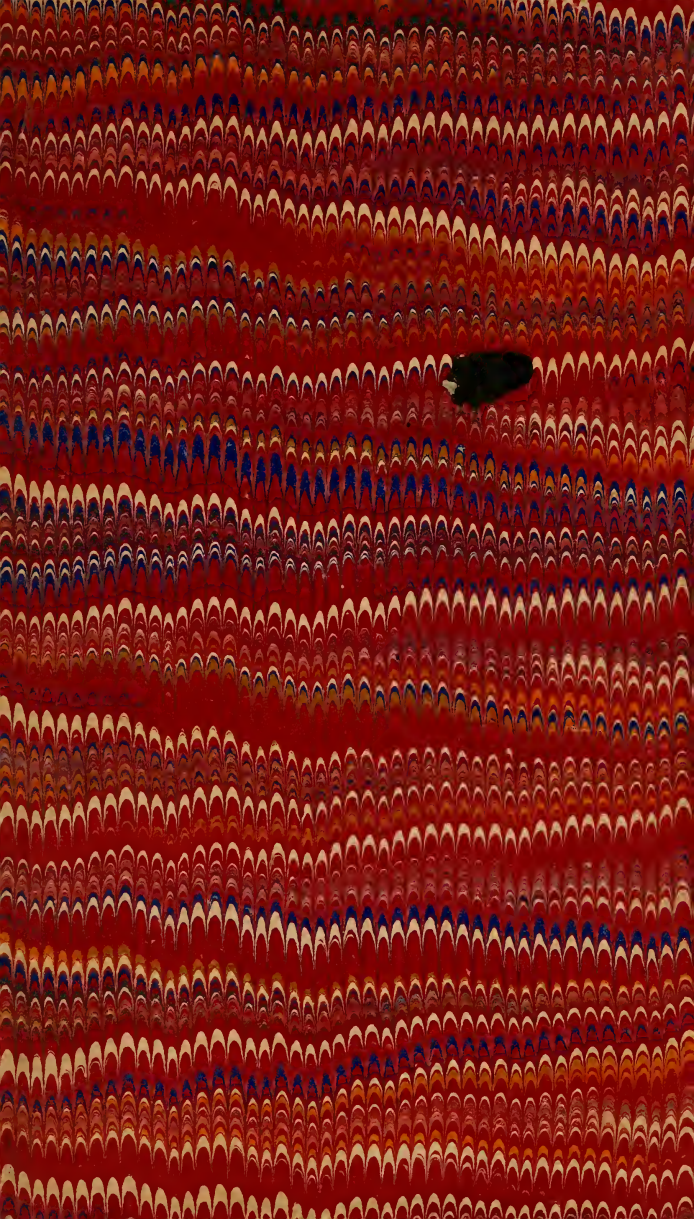
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